



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

PARKWAY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Take a Swing at the Parkway Golf Tournament

GOLF TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 28, 2023



Register today!

Sign-up to play golf at the Parkway Golf Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2022 at 9 a.m.! The PAA will host this annual event again at Forest Park Golf Course, one of the most popular public golf courses in the Midwest.

Fees this year are \$120 per golfer - the fee includes snacks and lunch on the course and appetizers during the awards presentation following the tournament. Teams of four players are sought, but an effort will be made to accommodate singles or doubles who don't mind being combined with other teams who need additional players.

The Parkway Golf Tournament is a fundraiser for the PAA and its hallmark programs. These programs include Granting Dreams for Parkway students, the Albert Awards for exceptional new teachers, Teacher of the Year awards and the Light of Parkway Awards for outstanding support staff. Granting Dreams is a program that provides financial and resource support to Parkway students who want to pursue extracurricular learning through camps or classes, or purchase materials that will help them learn outside the classroom. [Register to play today >>](#)

Events & Opportunities



Let's Go Blues!

Save the date! Parkway alumni and friends will cheer on the St. Louis Blues Thursday, October 19 vs. Arizona Coyotes and Saturday, November 4 vs. Montreal Canadiens. [Purchase special discounted tickets here online.](#) \$5 from each ticket goes to support Parkway students, teachers, staff and alumni.



Nominations Now Open!

The Parkway Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 2024 Parkway Alumni Hall of Fame class. Parkway graduates chosen for the Parkway Hall of Fame are those who have made a noteworthy impact on the lives of others through their work in their respective career fields or through their unique contributions to their community.

This class of inductees will be recognized at the Parkway Alumni Association Hall of Fame Gala on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024 in St.

Louis. These inductees will join in the rich tradition established in 2004 of honoring graduates from one of the premier school districts in the nation. Inductees and nominators are expected to attend in order to receive the honor.

[To make a nomination, complete and submit the nomination form here online.](#)

Tell Us About Your Reunion!

If your reunion details aren't on the website, email them to us!

The PAA is here to help you plan a successful reunion! We can provide contact info and guidance for your event. Plus, our volunteers can man the registration table. Reach out to us at (314) 415-8074 or ParkwayAlumni@ParkwaySchools.net for more info.

UPCOMING REUNIONS



Leave a Legacy - Start a Scholarship Fund

Interested in our scholarship programs or want to create one to honor yourself or a loved one? Contact Sandy Riutcel, Executive Director of the Parkway Alumni Association, at 314-415-8074 (office) or sriutcel@parkwayschools.net for details. We're here to support your aspirations and ensure our alumni can continue their academic journey!

LEAVE A
Legacy

Alumni Networking Nights

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for an all-alumni networking event. The group meets in person at the Parkway Administration Center. Hear from alums about their current work and meet other Parkway alumni in our community. To attend, email parkwayalumni@parkwayschools.net to be added to the meeting invite list. Include your name, school, class year, profession, business name and contact info.

ALL ALUMNI
NETWORKING
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A Note from the Parkway Alumni Association Board President



Dear Esteemed Alumni,

It's heartening to witness numerous alumni returning to their alma mater and rekindling cherished memories that forever bind us together during homecoming. Homecoming represents more than just an event; it embodies the heartfelt reunion of alumni who have played a pivotal role in shaping the enduring legacy of our beloved

institution.

In case you missed the announcement, we're excited to share details about our upcoming annual Parkway Golf Tournament, scheduled for October 28th at the picturesque Forest Park. This event isn't exclusively reserved for our esteemed alumni; it's a gathering that embraces our entire Parkway community. Whether you're an alumnus, a current Parkway parent, a dedicated staff

member, or a loyal supporter of our school, you're cordially invited to join us for this exhilarating day filled with friendly competition, shared laughter, and the joy of coming together.

The Parkway Golf Tournament presents a splendid opportunity to strengthen connections, forge new friendships, and contribute to the vibrant mosaic of our school community. Whether you're swinging for the greens, enthusiastically cheering from the sidelines or volunteering to help with the games on the course, your presence is what truly enriches this event.

Moreover, as winter approaches, we have exciting plans for alumni gatherings to cheer on the St. Louis Blues during their matchups against the Arizona Coyotes on Thursday, October 19, and the Montreal Canadiens on Saturday, November 4. You can secure specially discounted tickets conveniently through our website. A portion of each ticket purchased goes to support programs for Parkway students, teachers, staff and alumni

Above all, we kindly invite you to consider supporting your Parkway Alumni Association. Your contributions play a vital role in advancing the exceptional education provided to all our students. As our school year unfolds and our programs continue to evolve, your generosity enables us to offer these valuable educational experiences. Together, we can make a meaningful impact on the future of our institution. Thank you for being a part of the Parkway family.

For This Generation,
Dr. Thomas M. Smith

Alumni News



Parkway Grad Returns to School, This Time as Principal

She's back! Meet Dr. Shruti Upadhyay (Central '89). She's back at her high school alma mater as its new assistant principal for the freshman class.

Returning to Parkway Central High is a full-circle moment 33 years in the making.

[READ MORE >>](#)



Moxie Wins!

Katie Harris' (Central '00) beloved support dog, Moxie, wins National American Hero Service Dog! Read about Moxie and Katie's journey in this [5 on Your Side article](#) and in the [Jewish Light](#).

A Heartwarming Surprise for Shumsheia!



Shumsheia Johnson's (South '94) dedication to teaching for 24 years didn't go unnoticed. Thanks to the kindness of Jennifer Hudson, The Jennifer Hudson Show, and Kalahari Resorts, her incredible journey was celebrated in the most heartwarming way. [READ MORE >>](#)

What's Happening At School?



Sorrento Springs Celebrating 50 Years

Just a reminder that Sorrento is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. There are a few events planned we hope alumni will join in and visit their elementary school for.

Friday, October 6 1:00pm

Outdoor Ceremony and Neighborhood Parade

Saturday, October 7 12:00-3:00

Community Open House

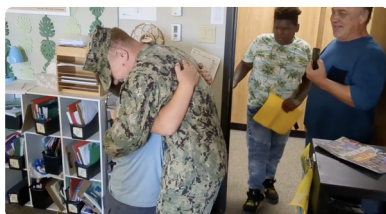
- Building Tours
- Historical Photos and Artifacts
- Light Refreshments



Cerutti Teacher Scholarships

The first two recipients of a Cerutti Teacher Scholarships have been named. Chloe Hendel received a scholarship towards her master's degree. And South High teacher Anne Erehart, was recognized for her continued effort in "going the extra mile."...

Congrats to all! These scholarships were made possible by The Cerutti Family Foundation. It was created to honor the memory of Tim and Mike Cerutti. The Cerutti Brothers loved teaching and bringing out the best in every student and teacher. The Foundation has a mission to have a positive impact on the lives of students through the funding of scholarships.



A reuniting to Remember

Watch the surprise [here](#). River Bend Elementary had the honor of reuniting older brother and Alumni, Officer Phillip Povarich of the U.S. Navy with his younger brother and 4th-grade student, Ben!

Best of St. Louis!

Allison Reed, North High English language arts teacher, won the Reader's Choice award for Best Local Author in the Riverfront Times "Best Of St. Louis" issue that came out yesterday!



2023 RIVERFRONT TIMES BEST LOCAL AUTHOR:

ALLISON CUNDIFF

This is Allison's 21st year teaching in Parkway. Currently, she teaches AP Literature and Composition as well as English I. Allison is a graduate of Truman State University (BA in English Literature) and the University of Missouri (MA in English Literature, MEd in Secondary Education). In addition to teaching at North High, she is a professor at Lindenwood University. Congratulations, Allison; thank you for being a talented influence on our students. [READ MORE >>](#)



Central Homecoming

Homecoming 2023 is in the books for Central High! Thank you to the students, staff and community that made it a memorable week! [#momentsthatmatter](#)



Blue Ribbon School

The U.S. Department of Education has recognized Pierremont Elementary School as a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School. Only eight schools in Missouri earned the 2023 recognition. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups on assessments. Parkway now has [18 National Blue Ribbon Schools](#). Read more about the award [here](#).

Opportunities Within Parkway



Calling All Alumni - Parkway is Hiring!

We need help at your school! We have openings for bus drivers, and many others for custodians and grounds crew employees needed to support our families. If you know someone who is interested, please share this with them. Interested applicants can call 314-415-8401 for more information or [visit this website](#).

The Info You Don't Want to Miss



Class Reunions

Don't miss your opportunity to share in the memories and build the future. [Find your class reunion information or start planning one!](#)



Class Memoriam

Parkway Alumni Association extends condolences to family and friends of the following Parkway alumni and staff. [CLICK HERE to read more.](#)



Class Notes

Find out where Parkway grads are making their mark in the world. [See our latest class notes here.](#)



Connect with your School



We exist to encourage communication among alumni and foster programs which serve and support the Parkway community.

